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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
Vice Chairman
SUBJECT: NIO Support to Low Intensity Conflict

Background

1. The intelligence support to the Low Intensity Conflict (LIC) organization has always existed both in the operational and analytical areas. The concept of LIC covers the spectrum from terrorism through insurgency and trails off somewhere short of conventional warfare between the superpowers.

2. The CIA has provided analytical support and finished intelligence, through the regional offices in the Directorate of Intelligence. The operational support for collection has come from the area divisions of the Directorate of Operations. The CIA paramilitary support has been provided by the [redacted] Directorate of Operations.

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Current NIO Support

3. In the past year, Congress has mandated a new post at the Assistant Secretary level in Defense for Low Intensity Conflict and a Low Intensity Conflict Board in the NSC Staff. The NIO support to this organizational activity has been provided by NIO/At-Large, Kate Hall.

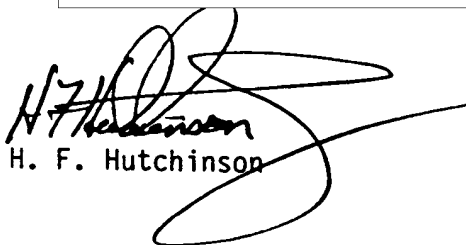
4. In the future, we anticipate that LIC activity will move from the organizational to something more substantive and we intend to utilize the NIO/Counterterrorism as the focal point for other NIO support. The support will require the participation of the regional NIOs, such as Near East, Latin America, Europe and East Asia. Also, the NIO/General Purpose Forces will assist.

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Future NIO Support

5. We are uncertain about the type or level of support required in the future. We are looking for a new Assistant NIO/Counterterrorism who has extensive Low Intensity Conflict experience. Two candidates to be interviewed this week are Army Colonels with Special Forces background. We are prepared to establish a separate NIO for Low Intensity Conflict if the requirements develop. In the meantime, the several NIOs concerned are working closely with the NSC Staff, the [redacted] /DO, and the DoD representatives.

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